GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have constituted four task force Groups to make suggestions for improvement of the services provided by Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which they are likely to submit their report;

(d) the policy of the Government regarding implementation of the recommendations of the task force;

(e) whether the Air India has leased aircraft to augment its operations; and

(f) if so, the total number of aircraft leased alongwith the terms and conditions thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): In August, 2000, Air India constiuted four Task Forces on (i) Passenger Amenities (ii) Security (iii) Ground Handling Activities; and (iv) Wage Cuts.

(c) and (d): The reports were submitted by these Task Forces to the Ministry. The Ministry advised Air India toplace these reports before the Air India Board for consideration and for further follow up action.

(e) & (f): Air India has dry-leased nine A310-300 aircraft and one B747-400 aircraft since December, 2000 for rationalizing its fleet and for growth for a period of 3 years.